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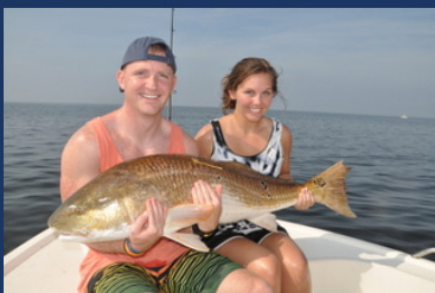
Now that the elections are over it is time to start planning a little fun in the sun. For those of you who have spent a day on the water with me, you know that guiding inshore fishing trips is only part of what Down East Guide Service does. When it starts to get cold, **Costa Rica is where I can be found.**

Through managing the **42' Dragin Fly in Los Sueños, Costa Rica**, I have met many traveling fishermen and fishing lodge owners. Coupled with Anna's passion for travel, much of what we do is plan personalized fishing and hunting vacations for clients, host trips and research new destinations.

Below I highlight some of our favorite trips and specials for 2013. Drop us a line for more information or to customize your trip. Leave the details to us. We are always a phone call away.

When not traveling, I am on the water every day during the peak of several North Carolina fishing seasons. Read below to learn when the best of the best is happening. Although some of the Down East Guides are already 80% booked, we still have many great guides with availability. Also a little trivia on circle hooks and giant red drum.

North Carolina fishing in 2012 was exceptional and 2013 is looking to be the best fishing in a decade as outlined in the 2013 Forecast. While our hearts go out to our northern brothers suffering in the aftermath of Sandy, North Carolina was fortunate with no serious impacts to fishing!



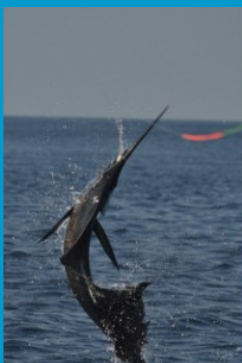
Down East Destinations: [Costa Rica](#)

Looking to Share:

1 day offshore/1 day inshore (includes min tips for fishing), hotels and in-country transportation: 1st angler \$2400*, 2nd angler FREE. Available: Jan. 4-8; Jan. 24-28; Feb. 13-17; April 11-17.

2013 Spring and Summer Specials:

1 day offshore/1 day inshore (includes min tips for fishing), all hotels and



in-country transportation. 4 anglers, private boat, 2 rooms \$1125/person; 6 anglers, private boat, 3 rooms \$850/person. Additional inshore fishing, offshore fishing and condo upgrades available. Only \$100/person/day for additional days in Costa Rica, including hotels and private driver/van.

For the **SERIOUS** Fishermen:

Overnight, multi-port or 3-day excursions available on the Dragin Fly:

Available: Feb. 19-23 March 21-25 March 24-28 April 1-11

Costa Rica Tarpon Available year round. *Add 2 days of tarpon fishing to a billfish package for only \$1200/person. Complete 3-day VIP packages starting at \$2500/person, additional days at \$440/person "The best and most consistent tarpon fishing that I have ever experienced." Includes all in-country transfers, lodging, meals and 3-days fishing.



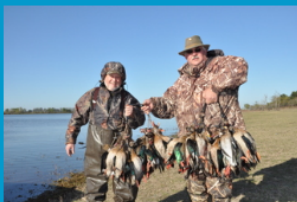
Belize Bonefish, Permit and Tarpon

This is still Anna's favorite trip! We spent a week Turneffe Atoll in Oct with great weather, plenty of bonefish, some frustrating permits and warm ocean temperatures perfect for SCUBA diving. Anna had great luck spotting manatees and spent more time under the water than above it.



May, June, July are your best months for adding a tarpon to a grand slam. Large schools of bonefish abound as well as consistent shots at permit year round. Fishing and/or diving combos start at about \$500/day. Include transfers, 7 nights lodging, meals, 6 days fishing and/or diving.

For the non fisher in your family the Atoll Adventure package or the SCUBA diving will be sure to please. Give Anna a call on this one..she'll tell you ALL about it.



Argentina Dove/Duck

No limit dove hunting available year round for as little as \$500/day. Discounts for kids and groups of 4 or more with a 3 day minimum. January Special: Jan. 16-19. **Three days of dove hunting for only \$1000/person.**

Ducks seasons are April-August and October-December.

Authentic wild duck hunting with generous limits and two duck hunts/day.

Airport services, lodging, fully guided hunts, gourmet meals, drinks and licenses for \$2700/person. Discounts available for groups of 6 to 8 duck hunters.

Argentina hosted trip: July 11-17, 2013

Singles or pairs welcome for this personally hosted combo hunt of 3 days duck hunting, 2 days of dove hunting at \$4000/person. July 11 depart USA to Cordoba, Argentina. July 17 return to USA .

North Carolina Peak Seasons:

Inshore*Nearshore*Offshore*Light tackle*Live Bait*Fly Fishing.

- **Roanoke River Stripers:** mid-April through mid-May. Catch and release only in May. Two half days are recommended. If you are a fly fisherman or want to introduce kids to fishing, this is the trip for you.
- **Sight Casting Cobia, Crystal Coast mixed bag:** May/June are peak seasons for sight-casting cobia. Great fishing on the near shore waters of the Atlantic are available year round for grouper and other bottom fish, false albacore, mackerels, jacks and more.
- **Pamlico Sound Tarpon:** July and early August are the best months. Full days only for tarpon fishing.
- **Giant Red Drum:** Mid-August through September are the peak season. Fishing is extremely consistent. ¾ days are recommended. Full days allow for mixed bag fishing for specks and pups in addition to chasing the Giants.
- **Offshore:** We will put you with the best, let us be your one stop shop for North Carolina fishing.



Make your reservation now. No deposit required until after the New Year.

Amazon Peacock Bass: October, 2013.

It looks like we are pulling the trigger on this exploratory trip into the Amazon. We've gotten good reviews on this mothership trip up the Amazon. Two anglers/room and per boat, 6 days fishing, meals, accommodations for \$5000/person.

2013 Fishing Forecast:

Red drum populations look fantastic with a great year class of puppy drum that will be 5 pounders or better by next summer. The future is equally bright for **specks** with a great showing of keepers that continue to get bigger and more plentiful each year...assuming that we do not have any hard freezes this winter. **Stripers** are in ever-increasing numbers throughout the coastal rivers. We've got some great guides who will be having 100 fish days on the lower Roanoke and Neuse Rivers in February and March, long before we catch our first fish in Weldon.

NC offers some of the most consistent fishing anywhere for the **giant red drum**, hopefully the **tarpon** will make another strong showing in 2013. Strict recreational and commercial seasonal limits are resulting in spectacular bottom fishing for **grouper**, **black sea bass**, and **amberjacks** in the event the **cobia** do not make a big showing on the beach.



Circle hook trivia for Red Drum Conservation.

This summer while fishing the Neuse River/Pamlico Sound for Red Drum I primarily used the drum rig developed by Owen Lupton, a 3 oz. fixed weight no farther than 6 inches from a circle hook, in my case a Mustad 39948D 9/0. The leader was about 5 inches. Out of 347 big red drum landed, only 3.7% of them were "deep hooked". I encourage the use of circle hooks and these rigs when fishing for big red drum.

Fall Fishing Report:



Sandy stayed offshore of North Carolina. She did cool the water temps down to normal temps for this time of year. It took about 4 days for the waters to settle down and clear up on the coast. There is plenty of bait and fishing has been really good since the storm.

Easy limits of nice keeper specks and topwater stripers will be the rule until there is ice on the water. Schools of nearly slot-sized pups and a few flounder round out these great mixed bag trips out of **New Bern and Oriental**. Half days start at \$400.

On the **Crystal Coast**, there are schools of specks and pups in the surf, albies along the beach and kings a little further offshore where water temps are still up in the 60's. Groupers, amberjacks and triggerfish on the wrecks/reefs.

Offshore the wahoos are being replaced by tunas, with scattered dolphin and even sailfish.

Whether in the river or on the Crystal Coast or at the Big Rock, there is always something biting.

Some of the Down East Guides. Go With Someone You Know.

Capt. George Beckwith Jr.	(Down East)	Capt. Brian Harrington	(Extreme Measures)
Capt. Greg Voliva	(Four Seasons)	Capt. Ray Massengill	(No Doubt)
Capt. Lee Parsons	(GottaFly)	Capt. James Smith	(Dragin Fly)
Capt. Joe Shute	(Fish Finder)	Capt. Chris Kimery	(Mountmaker)
Capt. Joe Ward	(Fly Daddy)	Capt. Justin Haddock	(Haddock)

Save \$100

Save \$100 off a full day trip between now and Thanksgiving.

Offer Expires: 11/22/12